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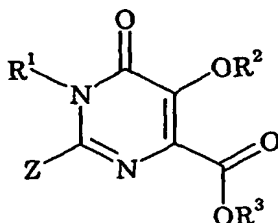
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(57) Abstract: A class of pyrimidinone derivatives of formula (I): wherein Z, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined herein; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; are inhibitors of viral polymerases, especially the hepatitis C virus (HCV) polymerase enzyme.

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